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Trudovak Construction Battalion

1. This construction battalion was stationed at Yambol until 15 May 1949 when it was moved to the Bezmer airfield and was disbanded in early 1950 after completing the excavation for the runway. The battalion personnel, numbering 400 men, were reassigned to various other Trudovak units.

2. Captain Bratanov and Master Sergeant Stoyanov were Commanding and Deputy Commanding Officers respectively.

Trudovak Construction Battalion

3. This battalion arrived at the Bezmer Airfield in April 1950 and from April 1950 to 25 December 1950, it was engaged in the construction of the Bezmer airfield. The approximate unit strength was 1,700 men, consisting of four companies of three platoons each. (See sketch on page 3.) Major Stoychev and Captain Shopov were Commanding and Deputy Commanding Officers respectively of the battalion.
The total complement of the first two companies was 850 men. Second Lieutenant Georgiev and Senior First Lieutenant Vekilov were Deputy Commanding Officer and Commanding Officer.

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4. On 25 December 1950, when the Bezmer airfield was completed, one-half of the unit received leave permits. The other half remained on the airfield.

Trudovak Battalion

5. This battalion was part of a Trudovak regiment located in Burgas and commanded by Major Grencharov.

Trudovak Construction Company

6. This company was subordinate to Trudovak battalion. After 31 March 1952 it was sent to Akhtopol.

7. In August 1951 when this company was located in Zvezdets, the strength was 200 men, divided into two platoons of 105 and 95 men respectively; each platoon consisted of four squads. (See sketch on page 4.)

8. members of this company: 50X1-HUM

- a. Senior First Lieutenant Mihal Mihailov, Commanding Officer;
- b. First Lieutenant Pantev, Deputy Commanding Officer and Political Officer; and
- c. First Sergeant Ivan(lnu).

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9. In early 1950, as mentioned in paragraph 3 above, Trudovak construction battalion, completed the excavation for the airfield runway which was 3,000 meters long, 80 meters wide and 80 centimeters deep.

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10. On 25 December 1950, Trudovak construction battalion completed the runway which consisted of a 40-centimeter sand base covered by tarpaper, which, in turn, was covered by concrete 35 centimeters thick. The four companies of the battalion were assigned the following jobs in the construction of the runway:

- a. Platoons of companies laid the sand, tarpaper and concrete;
- b. Two platoons of company worked in a nearby stone quarry;
- c. One platoon of company dug sand from the nearby Tervel Creek; and
- d. All three platoons of company were engaged in transportation.

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1. Comment: Major Grencharov was reported Deputy Commanding Officer of the Trudovak Brigade in Varna.

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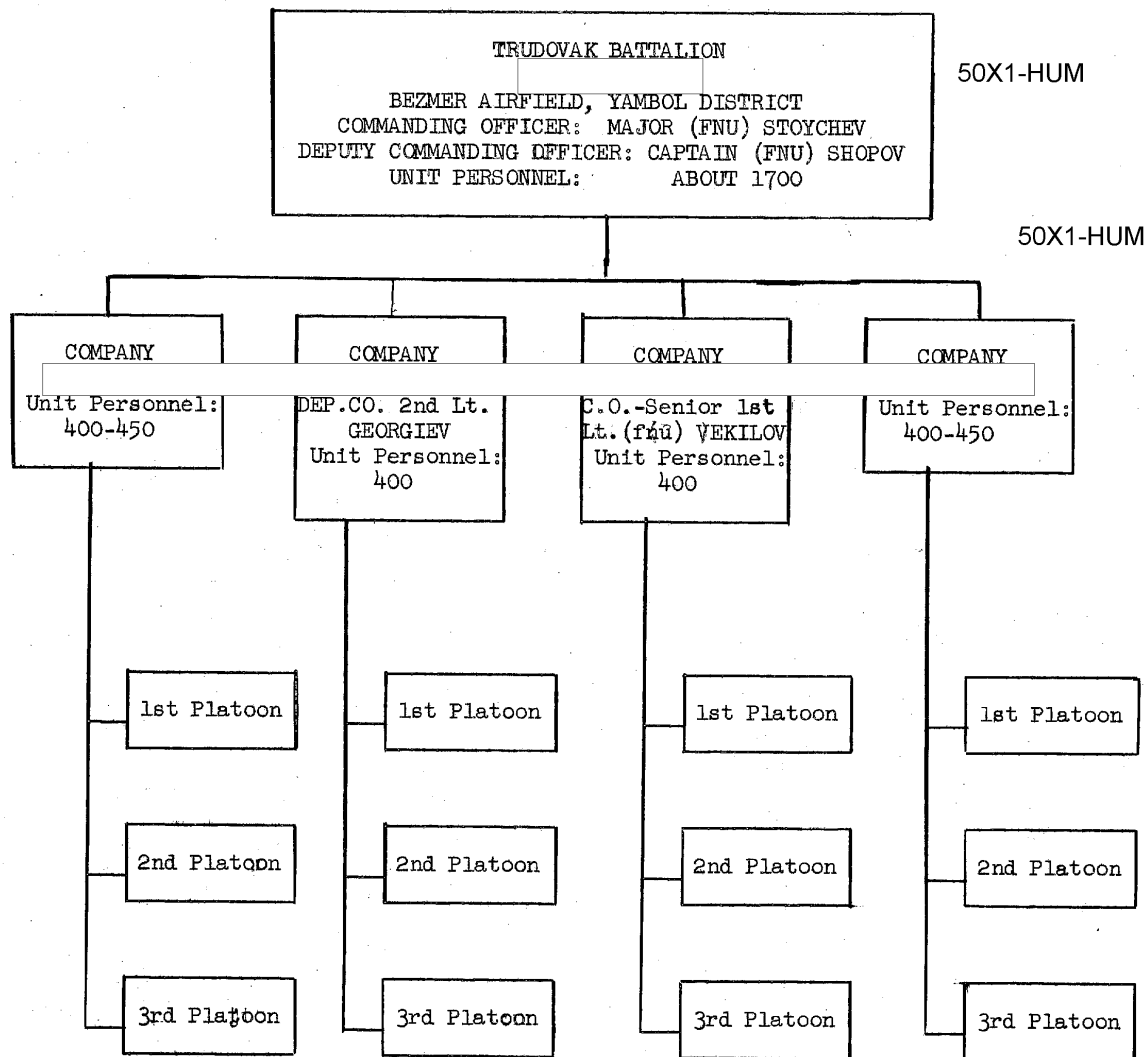
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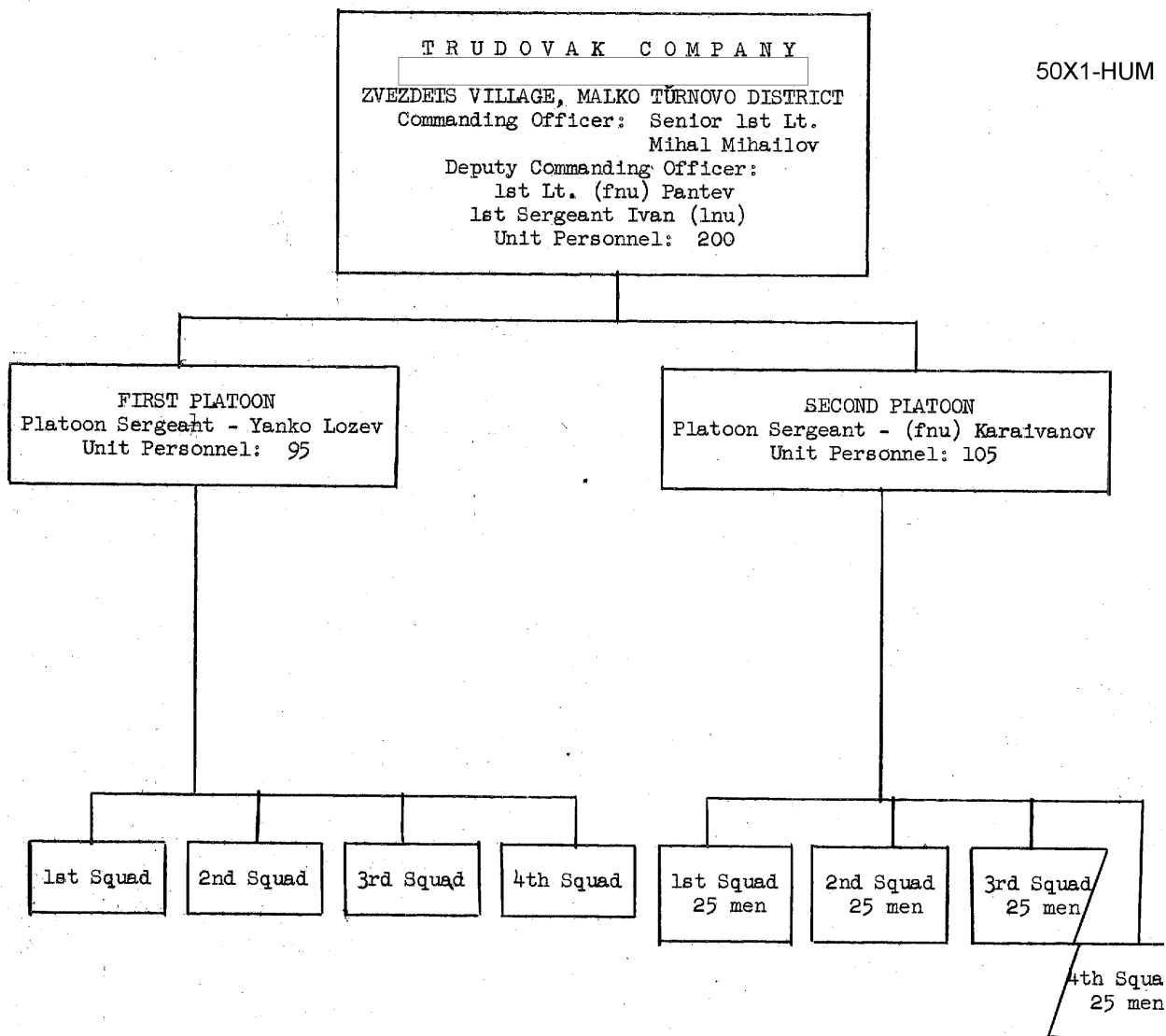


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